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## National Royal Alchemist General, Past Duke of Maryland, Webmaster, & Grand Marshall General's Report: Col. & Dr. Mark E. Young, Sr. Kentucky Colonels a Secret Society?



Kentucky Colonel is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is the most well-known of a number of honorary colonelcies conferred by United States governors. I received my commission from the Governor Andy Beshear in June. I can't express how honored I am to join the ranks of former Presidents, Actors, Royalty, and other notables, including our own Founding Lady General: B. Davine Roberts. Since receiving this incredible honor, I am amazed about how many of our friends, and cousins in this society and other hereditary societies are fellow Colonels. I had to chuckle, because it seems that we are a secret society, with a secret handshake, and we hide this incredible honor from public view. The truth is, we certainly are not a secret society and maybe all the other Colonels are simply being humble. Are you a closet

Colonel? It's time to come out and stand proud with us.

We choose to live out our Kentucky Colonel commission through continued service and charitable contributions. Trustees thoroughly vet grant requests made to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels to ensure donations to our Good Works Program positively affect the largest number of people in need. As one member remarked, "when it comes to making sure my charitable dollars are put to the best use, the Kentucky Colonels do a better job than I ever could."

We're a proud group who enjoys the occasional celebration. That's why you might see our members gathered to celebrate the Kentucky Colonels and each other.

The Kentucky Colonels is an organization of talented and capable men and women appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky because of their service to the state. We act as the Governor's ambassadors of Kentucky's heritage and rich history of arts and entertainment.

Our primary objective is to support needy Kentucky charities and worthy Kentucky organizations by raising money from our membership to help those organizations who stand ready to help our citizens share in Kentucky's boundless future. We celebrate this mission and encourage and affirm one another in these efforts.